

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

setting up a Committee for Youth Questions

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on the creation of a European Youth Forum

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaties establishing the European Economic Community,  
the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community,

Having regard to the Commission's recommendation,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas the creative activities and the actions conducive to European growth  
will be assured of a greater future if the younger generation is closely  
associated with them, as was recognized by the Heads of State or Government  
at The Hague on 1 and 2 December 1969;

Whereas, in order to facilitate the formulation of the procedure for the  
association of the young in the Community's work and to make its achievement  
possible, a procedure should be provided instituting permanent coordination  
of the activities of the Member States and the Commission within a Committee  
for Youth Questions,

DECIDES:

Article 1

A Standing Committee for Youth Questions (hereinafter called the "Committee")  
is hereby established within the Commission.

Article 2

The task of the committee shall be to ensure permanent coordination and  
consultation between the Member States and the Commission to study measures  
to be taken :

-- to inform the younger generation in the Member States more thoroughly of  
the objectives and implementation of the Treaties establishing the European  
Communities.

- to associate the young with the study and achievement of certain actions in application of the said Treaties of direct and special concern to youth as such.
- to evolve and promote new initiatives associating the young in the work of the Community.
- to take account of the specific interests and problems of the young in all sectors of life.

### Article 3

1. Each Member State and the Commission shall appoint two members to the Committee. They can also each designate two deputy members.  
The members of the Committee and the deputies appointed by the Member States shall be chosen from among the senior officials responsible for youth questions in their own country.  
The term of office of the members of the Committee and the deputies shall be two years. It shall be renewable.
2. The committee shall elect its bureau for a period of two years.
3. The Committee shall draw up its own rules of procedure and, after hearing the opinion of the Commission, shall submit them for approval to the Council.
4. The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the services of the Commission, which shall be responsible for preparing the Committee's work and for maintaining the necessary contacts with existing committees or working parties.

### Article 4

In the performance of its tasks as laid down in Article 2, the Committee shall, at the request of the Council or the Commission, or on its own initiative, compile reports and issue opinions.

The Committee shall address its reports and opinions to the Council and the Commission.

### Article 5

The Commission shall submit to the Council and to the European Parliament an annual report on the activities of the Committee.

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### Recommendation for a Council decision on the creation of a European Youth Forum

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaties establishing the European Economic Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community;

Having regard to the Commission's recommendation;

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas the creative activities and the actions conducive to European growth will be assured of a greater future if the younger generation is closely associated with them, as was recognized by the Heads of State or Government met at The Hague on 1 and 2 December 1969;

Whereas in order to facilitate the formulation of the procedure for the association of the young in the Community's work and to make its achievement possible, a procedure should be provided instituting close cooperation between the Community and representatives of youth organisations within a forum with advisory status and able to express its opinions in complete independence;

DECIDES :

#### Article 1

A European Youth Forum (hereinafter called the "Forum" is hereby established.

#### Article 2

The Forum shall, as a rule, hold two three-day meetings each year.

The Forum may be divided into a maximum of three sections, the first of which will concern itself more particularly with political problems, the second with social problems and the third with problems of mainly educational or cultural character.

### Article 3

The Forum shall be consulted on the initiative of the European Parliament, the Commission or the Council on measures provided for by the Treaties and their extensions, and on new initiatives to associate young people in the work of the Community:

As regards measures provided for by the Treaties, the Forum may be asked for opinions, in particular in the following spheres: questions concerning youth employment and unemployment, mobility of young people, operations of the Social Fund, vocational training and guidance, problems of special interest to young people active in various sectors of the economy, freedom of establishment and the mutual recognition of diplomas, the protection of young people at work, their social and cultural advancement, exchanges of young workers and the participation of young people in certain development aid programmes.

As regards new initiatives, the Forum may be asked to give opinions with a view to promoting fresh forms of action to involve the young in the work of the Community (educational measures, exchange programmes, etc.) or to improve their living conditions and training facilities in all the Member States.

### Article 4

The Forum may also, on its own initiative, deliver opinions on the subjects referred to in Article 3.

The Community institutions shall be required to consider these opinions. Any minority viewpoint that obtains 25% or more of the votes shall be attached to the opinion and submitted to the institutions for consideration.

### Article 5

1. The Forum shall consist of representatives of international youth organisations which have acquired consultative status with the Communities.  
Consultative status with the Communities may be acquired by any international youth organisation which is active in at least five of the nine Member States to further the cause of European unification and which submits an annual report on its activities to the Commission. Consultative status shall be granted by the Commission. The Commission shall grant immediate consultative status on request to international youth organisations.



tions which already have consultative status with the Council of Europe and which meet the conditions laid down above.

Every organization which has been granted consultative status with the Communities may send from one to three representatives, but shall have only one vote.

Should the Forum be divided into sections, each member of the Forum shall be entitled to have a representative in each section. The member shall use its vote in the section for which it has itself expressed a preference.

2. The term of office of the members of the Forum shall be two years. It shall be renewable.
3. The Forum shall elect its chairman and its bureau for a two-year period. The bureau shall meet twice a year outside Forum meetings. The composition of the bureau, taking into account its possible division into sections, shall be determined by the rules of procedure.
4. The Forum shall draw up rules of procedure that will enable it to perform all the tasks entrusted to it under the terms of the present decision, and in particular to ensure the permanent coordination of activities undertaken in the interest of young people by the Forum and the Community institutions.
5. The rules of procedure shall be submitted for approval to the Commission.
6. The Forum shall have a permanent secretariat.  
All operational expenses of the Forum shall be financed by the Community's budget.  
In 1975, the necessary operational expenses will be covered by a transfer from item 99, article 990, "expenses not specifically foreseen".
7. One day of each Forum meeting shall be reserved for a combined meeting with the Community Institutions.
8. The National Youth Councils in the Member States of the Community shall each delegate one representative to the Forum, who shall be entitled to vote in the plenary assembly.

#### Article 6

In pursuing its tasks as defined in Article 3, the Forum shall compile reports and issue opinions. The Forum shall address its reports and opinions to the Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Economic and Social Committee. Furthermore, the minutes of the meetings of the Forum shall be submitted

to the Community institutions.

Article 7

After a period not exceeding two years from the date on which this Decision enters into force, the Commission shall present a report to the Council and Parliament on the structure and functioning of this Forum and its organs and shall, if appropriate, propose the revision of the present Decision.